GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5220
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003
STARVATION
GADDAM GANGA REDDY;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR;SRINIVASULU KALAVA;SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL;SUBODH MOHITE;SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA;VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the failing monsoons in several States have led to widespread starvation in these States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether large number of children are affected by hunger, starvation and are malnourished; and

(d) if so, the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken to end hunger and starvation in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a)to(d): No case of `starvation death` has been reported by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

2. In order to mitigate hardship in the drought affected areas, about 63.40 lakh tonnes of foodgrains, free of cost, were allocated to the drought affected States for the year 2002-03 under the Special Component of the Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana. A further quantity of 18.57 lakh tonnes has so far been allocated during 2003-04.